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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs and Madams,

My name is Dave Crossley. I'm a programmer from Charleston, South Carolina. I'm writing to tell you that I believe that the proposed settlement with Microsoft is a BAD idea. It does not provide the remedies necessary to protect society from the monopolistic threat that Microsoft represents.

I can state from experience that Microsoft wields enormous clout in our industry, and I will also state that they have a very bad reputation for both honesty and security.

Please reconsider the current settlement. The earlier breakup plan was a great idea, although I would suggest that the company should be severed into four, and not two parts. Those parts would be Operating System, Applications, Development tools and Internet.

As with Standard Oil and AT&T in the past, the breakup of Microsoft, in my opinion, will be beneficial to society as a whole and will have the additional benefit of protecting freedom of speech by preventing one company from controlling the channels of communication.

Thank You for Your Time,

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